

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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REVIEW CRITERIA
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CRITERIA NUMBER 3 - THORACIC OUTLET SYNDROME
VASCULAR ORIGIN - VENOUS

I. Narrative Description:

A. Thoracic Outlet Release - Venous

II. History/Symptoms:

- A. Must meet three of the following present in the affected upper extremity
1. Pain; **or**
 2. Swelling or heaviness; **or**
 3. Decreased temperature or change in color; **or**
 4. Paresthesia in the ulnar nerve distribution

AND

III. Physical Findings:

- A. Must meet one of the following:
1. Swelling or venous engorgement; **or**
 2. Cyanosis; **or**
 3. Dilation of veins

AND

IV. Diagnostic Testing:

- A. Must meet one of the following:
1. Abnormal venogram; **or**
 2. Abnormal plethysmography

V. Special Instructions:

A. *None*

VI. Level of Care Required:

A. *Inpatient*